

- **Name**

Joanna Piatkowski and Amy Maddess

- **Enter the date of the meeting you wish to present to council**

June 1

- **Which is your preference for attending the meeting.**

In Person

- **Use the space below to clearly outline your purpose for presenting to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome.**

On Tuesday, June 28, 2022, the jury recommendations from the Inquest into the deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were presented. In total, 86 recommendations for change were made, speaking to oversight and accountability, system approaches, collaboration and communication, funding, education and training, measures addressing perpetrators of intimate partner violence, intervention and safety. Since then several communities, including Lanark County, Renfrew County and Ottawa, have declared intimate partner violence an epidemic based on the aforementioned recommendations. We are hoping to speak to city council about joining with the above communities and declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic.

- **Will you be providing any additional written information in addition to your summary above? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting**

Yes

- **Will you be providing any additional electronic information in addition to documents you will be attaching? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting**

No

- **Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?**

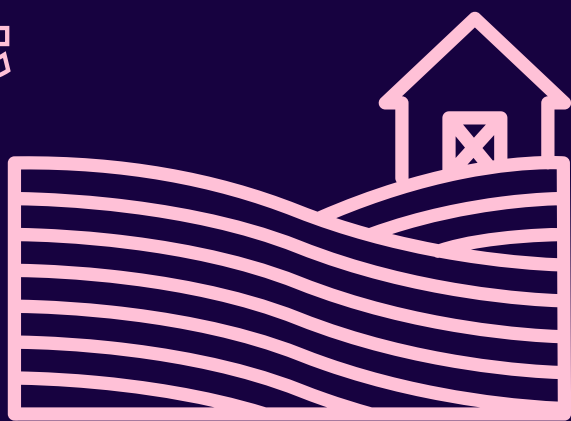
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Oxford County

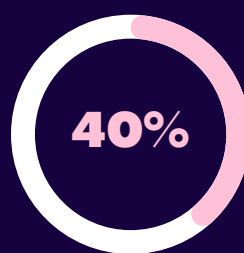
Working together to stop violence against women

April 1st, 2022 – March 31st, 2023



THE 401 CORRIDOR HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED AS A PRIMARY ROUTE FOR SEX TRAFFICKERS TO TRANSPORT AND SELL VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. OXFORD COUNTY IS SITUATED AT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN HIGHWAYS 401 AND 403, WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF HOTELS AND MOTELS BASED ON SERVICING THE 401 CORRIDOR. THE COMBINATION OF OXFORD'S RURALITY AND ISOLATION, ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC ALONG THE 400 SERIES HIGHWAYS, MAKE OXFORD COUNTY PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE EXPLOITS OF TRAFFICKERS.

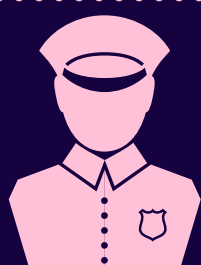
Oxford County Community Health Centre (OCCHC)



"We would estimate that sexual violence (either recent or historical) accounts for up to 40% of cases where 'Traumatic Life Event(s)' were identified" (Wellkin).

1570

Calls regarding domestic related disturbances



Data obtained from OPP and Woodstock Police

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NUMBER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN SHELTER: 140

NUMBER OF WOMEN TURNED AWAY DUE TO CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS: 73

NUMBER OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN RECEIVING SUPPORTS: 7

NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE A SAFETY PLAN: 270

Ingamo Homes & Domestic Abuse Services Oxford (DASO)

REFERRALS FROM CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY TO FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING PROGRAM BECAUSE OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE:

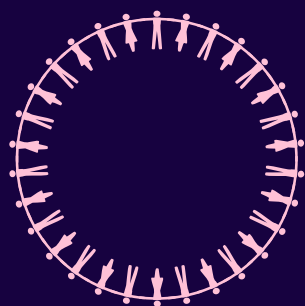
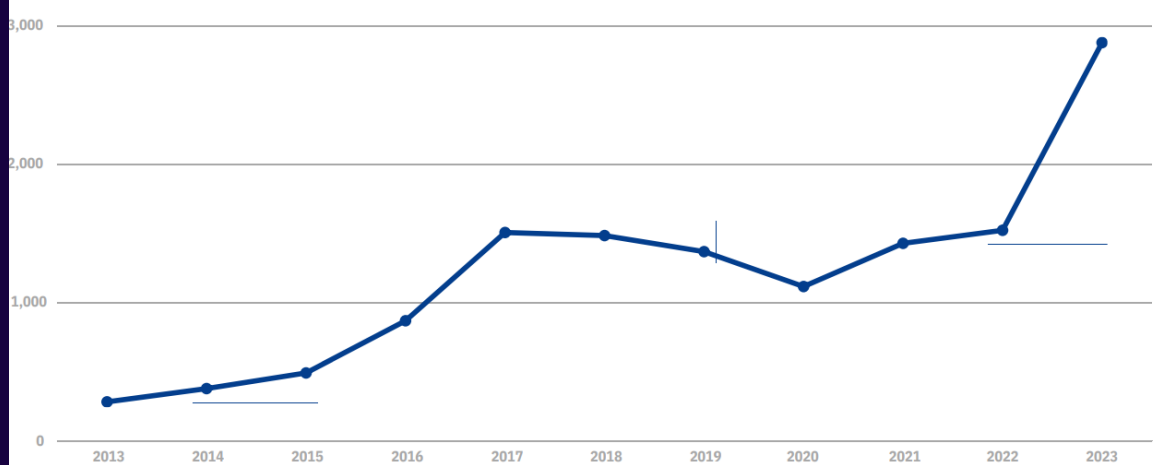
80 Referrals for children, women and teens

10 Referrals for men who have used violence

31 Referrals for fathers to the Caring Dads program

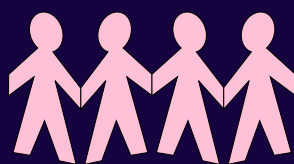
Children's Aid Society and Family Violence Counselling Program

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES OXFORD (DASO) Number of crisis calls per year.



There were 3 occurrences reported as suspected human trafficking

Woodstock Police



"Waitlists will inevitably continue to grow, as current capacity does not come close to serving the population."

Oxford County Community Health Centre (OCCHC)



796 individuals identified that required/could have benefited from specialized sexual violence supports

Oxford County Community Health Centre (OCCHC)

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What does it take to keep a women's shelter open?

- \$ Yearly program expenses: \$140, 761**
- \$ Yearly mortgage: \$110, 080**
- \$ Building, maintenance, insurance and property taxes: \$ 309, 388**
- \$ Number of staff needed: 6 - 7 minimum**
- \$ Yearly cost of staff: \$443, 308**
- \$ Fundraising dollars needed to break even yearly: \$100,000**

Numbers are based on average annual cost estimates of Ingamo Homes



What does it take to keep a women's shelter open?



Food & Pantry Items: \$56, 881



Number of staff: 20 minimum



**Building, maintenance, insurance
and program materials: \$443, 858**



Yearly cost of staffing 24/7: \$971, 574



Yearly mortgage: \$41, 520



**Fundraising dollars needed to break
even yearly: \$215,000**

Family Violence May Have Serious Health Consequences

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Annual Femicide List

November 26th 2021 to November 25th 2022

OAITH's Annual Femicide List includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death(s) or has otherwise been deemed responsible (murder-suicide). Femicide, most broadly defined, means the gender-based killing of women and girls and the most extreme form of violence towards them. In the Canadian context, the killing of a woman or girl could lead to Criminal Code charges of first or second degree murder (where the killing was intentional), manslaughter, or criminal negligence causing death.

OAITH reviews mainstream media reports of femicides involving women, children, trans women, 2-Spirited Peoples and gender non-conforming individuals. This list includes femicides that have occurred in Ontario during a 12 month period from November 26th through to November 25 of the following year. Annual reports are released on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence. The list relies on mainstream media sources and other publicly available sources. This means the list is not exhaustive and may include errors or omissions. It represents only a snapshot in time of public reports of femicides for the previous year at the time the list is published. This annual report is not updated to reflect criminal justice outcomes after the report has been published.

Evolving definitions of femicide attempt to include and represent the diversity of gender identities, relationships between victims and perpetrators, and motives for the killings. Our Annual Femicide List includes only those femicides where men have been charged with a criminal offence or deemed responsible (murder-suicide) and where there is a media report. OAITH reviews and analyzes hundreds of mainstream media sources (i.e. local and national newspapers and TV clips) every year based on our definition of femicide and the victim/perpetrator relationship. Relationships include a current or former husband or boyfriend, a brother, son or a nephew, a male coworker, neighbour, friend or acquaintance, or another man closely known to them. Where the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is not known (or not released), but media reports indicate that a woman was killed as a result of a violent gendered crime, that woman's name will be included on the list.

Every year we release our Annual Femicide List based on mainstream media reporting to ensure that we remember the victims, bring attention to the violence women, girls and gender-diverse people experience, and take action to move our list to zero through femicide prevention. OAITH works in partnership with Dr Mavis Morton of University of Guelph to track, analyze and educate the community about femicide.

A Tribute for Anne-Marie Ready & Jasmine Ready

Anne-Marie Ready 50 and Jasmine Ready 15, taken from us June 27th, 2022.

The loss of my wife and my daughter will forever resonate within my heart and mind on a daily basis, I will never overcome their loss. I have never met such a kind, caring, notable and intelligent person, but still an extremely humble person like my wife. She was perfect at everything she set about to do and did so with pride, diligence and enthusiasm. She was the best mother any child could have been blessed with, and as I have always said, the best mother I could ever have wanted for my children. Jasmine was a very good child with great values already ingrained in her young life. Within her heart, she had a deep sense of love, care, thoughtfulness and an infinite list of all the best attributes a child can have. My life is all but an ongoing nightmare now, their loss being reality and not a dream I can be awakened from. This has become a driving force for Catherine and I, prompting us to join others bringing awareness to the selfish, cowardly, evil and senseless acts of Femicide. We have registered S.A.F.E, Stopping All Femicides Equally, an organization to enhance the campaign, helping to curb violence against women. I would like S.A.F.E to be a support to families of victims and to let them be aware that they are not alone and won't be left alone. We will join hands with all the organizations and individuals who are working towards the eradication of femicides. Let us turn our hurt to courage and strength, making a change in the names of our lost loved ones and for the preservation of the lives of other women.

Anne-Marie was a loving wife and devoted mother of two daughters. Anne-Marie tragically lost her life while protecting her 15 year old daughter Jasmine Ready, from a cruel and demonic attack. Anne-Marie was a highly accomplished woman, completing her PhD in International Business Management among many other academic achievements. She was passionate about life and constantly looked at enhancing that of herself and her family. She will always be remembered by many as resilient, warm, loving, empathetic, and for always having a radiant smile and captivating laughter. Her legacy has been passed down to her older daughter, Catherine Ready who is a survivor of the attack.

A Tribute for Anne Marie Ready & Jasmine Ready- Continued

Jasmine Ready was a warm ray of sunshine, loved by her classmates, friends, teachers, and family. Gone too soon at the age of 15, Jasmine had dreams of attending university and accomplishing a career in technology and informatics. She was a bubbly young woman who had the power to transform people's lives by giving endless amounts of love and encouragement. Jasmine deserved a long life, filled with achieving milestones in pursuance of a path to a happy and successful adult life. She excelled at hobbies and sports such as art, piano as well as achieving her black belt in karate the week before her death. Jasmine's love for animals and helping others are memories and life lessons that will live on by those who loved and surrounded her. She will forever be missed by her older sister, Catherine Ready as well as her loving father Raphael Ready.

-Raphael & Catherine





1. Christine Adamson, 47

October 7, 2022, Sarnia, ON

Christine has been described by her loved ones as a strong, kind, and loving mother, daughter and friend to many. She will be remembered for her kind soul and willingness to help anyone who was in need. Christine will be dearly missed by her children, parents, siblings and many other family members and friends. Christine's husband has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



2. Naheed Askaryar, 64

September 23, 2022, Vaughan, ON

Naheed has been described as a kind, caring and cheerful woman who acted as a second mother to many. Naheed will be remembered as a superwoman who always found the time to help and support others. She will be deeply missed by her husband, extended family members and her community. A male family member, Naheed's nephew, has been charged with 1st degree murder and arson endangering life in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



3. Shermaine Carling, 33

September 29, 2022, Leamington, ON

Shermaine has been described as a loving mother and sole provider to her two young children, who moved to Canada in 2016 in hopes of better opportunities for her and her two children back in the Philippines. At the time of her death, Shermaine was employed working on a number of local farms. She will be remembered as a sweet and charming daughter, mother and friend. Shermaine will be dearly missed by her loved ones including her two children and her mother. A 38 year old man has been charged with second degree murder in her death.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Unknown



4. Megan Crant, 32

July 7, 2022, Toronto, ON

Megan has been described as a funny, caring and protective friend to many. Megan was also a devoted and protective mother to her two young daughters. Megan will be greatly missed by her daughters and many family members and friends from across the country. A 25 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder and a 29 year old woman has been charged with accessory after the fact to murder in relation to Megan's death. Police have not disclosed whether or not the perpetrators were known to Megan, but details suggest this was a targeted killing.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Shooting



5. Veronica Dekid-Henry, 67

September 21, 2022, Toronto, ON

Veronica will be remembered as a cherished daughter, sister, aunt and mother. Originally born in Jamaica, Veronica moved to Canada in the early nineties, where she began a new life as an early childhood educator. Veronica had recently retired and spent her time gardening, traveling and volunteering with her local church food bank. Veronica will be missed by her son, family members, as well as members of her church and community. Veronica and her husband were killed in their home by one of their adult sons, who has since been charged with two counts of 1st degree murder.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



6. Janet Desormeaux, 43

October 30, 2022, Sudbury, ON

Janet has been described as a caring and loving mother, wife and friend to many. Janet will be remembered for her smile, her love for her family and as a staple within her local community and hockey arena. Janet will be forever missed by her daughter Lee Ann, many extended family members, friends and her beloved dog, Bessie. Police reports have indicated that Janet's 17 year old son killed his mother and father before killing himself.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Shooting



7. Jane Doe (Brampton), 23

January 20, 2022, Brampton, ON

The victim will be missed deeply by her friends, family and her community. The victim's identity has not been released in this case. Media reports have indicated that the victim was killed by her male intimate partner who then killed himself.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Shooting



8. Jane Doe (Kitchener), 42

April 24, 2022, Kitchener, ON

The victim will be missed dearly by her family, friends and other community members. The victim's identity has not been made public but police have confirmed that she was 42 years old. A 44 year old man has been charged with 2nd degree murder and a 54 year old woman has also been charged with accessory after the fact to murder. Police have indicated that the victim and perpetrator were known to each other but no further details regarding the nature of that relationship have been provided.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Unknown



9. Jane Doe (Kitchener), 41

November 15, 2022, Kitchener, ON

The victim will be deeply missed by her family, friends and community members. No information regarding the victim's identity has been released at this time. Two other victims, a 51 year old woman and a seven year old girl were also injured but are expected to survive. A 30 year old man has been charged with first degree murder and two counts of attempted murder in relation to this case. Police have reported that the suspected perpetrator was known to the victim but have not provided any details into the nature of their relationship at this time.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Trauma



10. Jane Doe (Milton), Unknown

November 22, 2022, Milton, ON

The victim will be forever remembered and missed by her children, other family members, friends and community members. The victim's identity has not been released at her family's request. Media reports have indicated that the victim's 40 year old husband has been charged with 2nd degree murder in her death. The victim's nine and 13 year old children were home at the time of the femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



11. Jane Doe (Mississauga), Unknown

February 2, 2022, Mississauga, ON

The victim will be forever missed by her family, friends and her community. The victim has not been identified by police or media. Media reports have indicated that the victim worked close by to where she was killed. A 27 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Trauma



12. Jane Doe (North York), Unknown

September 10, 2022, Toronto, ON

The victim will be missed deeply by her friends, family members and her local community. Police would not confirm the identity of the victim or suspected perpetrator pending notification of next of kin. Media reports have indicated the victim and their partner were killed in a femicide-suicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



13. Jane Doe (Oshawa), 8

November 12, 2022, Oshawa, ON

The victim will be forever missed by her mother, extended family members and many community members. The victim was like a daughter to many, in her small community and she had a bright future ahead of her. The victim's identity has not been released at the request of her surviving family members. Police reports have indicated that the victim's 38 year old father killed the young girl before ultimately killing himself.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Unknown



14. Jane Doe (Sudbury), 27

August 11, 2022, Sudbury, ON

The victim will be missed greatly by her family, friends and community members. The victim's identity has not been released at the request of the victim's family and further disclosure has been limited due to a publication ban. Media articles have confirmed, however, that the victim was 27 years old and was employed at Health Sciences North. The victim's husband has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



15. Jane Doe (Waterloo), 15

March 17, 2022, Waterloo, ON

The victim will be remembered for her outgoing and fun loving personality. She has been described as the light of her community. The victim's identity has not been released pending a court publication ban. She will be forever missed by her family, friends, classmates and her community. An 18 year old male family member of the victim has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



16. Brittany Doff, 30

January 3, 2022, Toronto, ON

Brittany has been described as a loyal and loving friend and mother, who would do anything for her son. Brittany will be remembered for her kindness, her smile and for having a heart of gold. She will be deeply missed by her son, parents, and many other family members and friends. Brittany's boyfriend has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to this femicide. According to media reports, Brittany's boyfriend had previously been charged with strangulation and threatening her life and had been ordered through an early intervention program to attend the Partner Assault Response (PAR) program. Brittany's boyfriend did not complete the PAR program, as he was charged in her death while enrolled.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



17. Nyima Dolma, 28

July 5, 2022, Toronto, ON

Nyima will be forever remembered for her kind, caring and joyful spirit. Nyima has been described as a caregiver who dedicated her life to helping others and was working as a personal support worker at the time of her death. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family and her community. A 33 year old man was charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Nyima's death. According to police reports, while the perpetrator was not known to Nyima, evidence suggests that this was a hate-motivated and targeted attack.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Other



18. Sibel Duzguner, 38

August 26, 2022, Alliston, ON

Sibel will forever be remembered for her kind spirit and dedication to her three young children. Sibel will be missed greatly by her children and other family members, friends and her community. No charges have been laid at this time, however, evidence suggests that this was a targeted killing.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Shooting



19. Viola Erb, 88

September 24, 2022, Wilmot, ON

Viola has been described as the driving force behind the success of Erb transportation, a trucking company co-founded by Viola and her husband. She will be remembered for her dedication to her work as well as her love for quilting, knitting and gardening. Viola was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother to many and will be dearly missed by her loved ones. Viola's 39 year old grandson has been charged with 1st degree murder in her death.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Unknown



20. Marie Gabriel, 24

March 27, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Marie will be remembered as someone who was full of laughter and joy and as someone who always put others before herself. Marie has been described by her friends and family as a loving mother of two young children who would have done anything for her children. She will be missed greatly by her children, family members and friends. Marie's male intimate partner has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. Marie's family has indicated that the suspected perpetrator had a history of violence towards her and that Marie was in the process of trying to separate from him.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



21. Sandra Gauthier, 85

January 15, 2022, Georgina, ON

Sandra has been described as a gentle and kind soul who was always checking in on her neighbours. Sandra enjoyed spending her time outside, whether she was at the lake to read or admiring her neighbours' gardens. Sandra will be dearly missed by her family, friends and many other loved ones in her community. A 21 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder, sexual assault and arson with disregard for human life in relation to Sandra's death.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Other



22. Evdokia Giapoutzis, 49

July 28, 2022, Toronto, ON

Evdokia has been described as a kind and caring woman. Evdokia will be forever missed by family, friends and community members. Evdokia's 37 year old brother has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



23. Chandanpreet Kaur, 22

September 19, 2022, Mississauga, ON

Chandanpreet will be forever missed by her family, friends and community members. Media reports have indicated that Chandanpreet only recently moved to Canada with her husband. Chandanpreet's husband has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



24. Kinga "Kay" Kriston, 55

June 10, 2022, Collingwood, ON

Kinga has been described as a kind and loving mother who had a passion for helping others and dedicated her time to supporting local charities and working as a real estate agent in her community. Kinga had a great love for the outdoors and enjoyed her time with her daughter and dog, skiing, hiking and boating. She will be deeply missed by her daughter, family, friends and her community. A 57 year old man has been charged with first degree murder in her death. Media reports have indicated that this was an intimate partner femicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



25. Anna Monika Kuraczycka, 46

August 16, 2022, Mississauga, ON

Anna, or Monika, as many of her friends and neighbours knew her, will be forever remembered for her kindness and fun-loving, happy personality. She was well known in her community and was often seen walking her dog around town. Anna was a devoted mother to her two children and will be forever missed by her son and daughter, her extended family and her community. Anna's husband was also found dead in their home and police reports have indicated that this was a femicide-suicide.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



26. Ashley Lafrance, 29

September 7, 2022, Kirkland Lake, ON

Ashley has been described as a loving and caring daughter, sister and mother to her young son. Ashley will be forever remembered for her smile, her laughter and her kind soul. She will be greatly missed by her son, parents, brother and many other extended family members and friends. Two men and one woman have been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Ashley's death.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Unknown



27. Chantale Lebrun, 36

December 26, 2021, Smiths Falls, ON

Chantale will be remembered as a loving mother of four young daughters who was a gifted photographer. Friends have described Chantale as a strong and uplifting woman, with a great sense of humor who was always there to make others laugh. She will be greatly missed by her four young daughters, family, many friends and her community. Chantale's husband was charged with 1st degree murder in her death - reports have indicated Chantale had recently made the decision to end her relationship.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



28. Amanda Lyons, 34

March 19, 2022, LaSalle, ON

Amanda will be remembered by her loved ones as a perfect mother to her three young children who had a beautiful soul and always made sure everyone felt welcomed. She has been described as being independent, fierce and always willing to help others in need. She will be deeply missed by her three children, parents, siblings and many more family members and friends. Police reports have indicated that Amanda was killed by her husband in a femicide-suicide. Police have indicated that while the suspected perpetrator did not have a criminal record, police had previously been called to attend to the couple's home.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



29. Ruth Ann Longboat, 56

March 8, 2022, Toronto, ON

Ruth Ann has been described as a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend to many, who was always there to support her loved ones. Ruth Ann was from Six Nations of the Grand River and enjoyed spending time at her home and in her rose garden. She will be deeply missed by her son, extended family members and many friends and community members. Two men have been charged with first-degree murder and committing an indignity to a body in Ruth Ann's death and media reports have suggested that these men were known to her. It has not yet been confirmed where Ruth Ann was killed.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Unknown



30. Tien Ly, 46

March 27, 2022, Toronto, ON

Tien will be remembered as a caring and generous woman who wanted to help everyone around her. She has been described as a loving mother and a hard worker who owned her own nail salon in Toronto. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family and her community. Tien's 20 year old son has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to his mother's death.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



31. Daniella Mallia, 23

August 18, 2022, Toronto, ON

Daniella has been described by her friends and loved ones as a kind and helpful young woman who had a deep love and passion for animals and helping others. Daniella's compassion and her ability to put everything aside to brighten others' days will never be forgotten. Daniella will be forever remembered and missed by her family, friends, coworkers and her community. A 33 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Daniella's death.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Shooting



32. Sara McKeddie, 32

January 20, 2022, Arnprior, ON

Sara will be remembered as a loving mother, daughter and sister. Friends have described Sara as someone who had a huge heart and who would brighten any room she walked into. Sara will be missed dearly by her two young sons, her parents, siblings and many other family members and friends. Sara's male partner was originally charged with attempted murder in relation to this case, but those charges have since been upgraded to 2nd degree murder.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



33. Nicole Mercer, 22

July 29, 2022, Newmarket, ON

Nicole has been described as a hard working, dedicated and caring mother to her young son. Nicole worked in a hotel and was working towards going back to school to become a personal support worker. Nicole will be forever missed by her loved ones, including her son, family members, friends and her community. A 23 year old man, known to Nicole, has been charged with 2nd degree murder in relation to her death. An 18 year old man has also been charged with accessory to murder after the fact, and several weapon-related offences.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Shooting



34. Debra Neale, 65

January, 8, 2022, Shelburne, ON

Debra has been described as a devoted mother and grandmother who would accept anyone as her own. Debra had a deep love for animals and music. She will be missed dearly by her children, grandchildren, friends and many other family members. A 44 year old man, who was wanted in connection with this femicide, was later found dead inside the victim's vehicle.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Unknown



35. Matilda O'Ray, 88

March 10, 2022, Kingston, ON

Matilda has been described as a loving and proud mother and grandmother. She will be missed dearly by her three children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends. A 47 year old man has been charged with 1st degree murder as well as aggravated assault, break and enter, possession of a weapon for committing an offence and failing to comply with a judicial release order, in relation to Matilda's death

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Trauma



36. Savanna Pikuyak, 22

September 11, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Savanna has been described by her loved ones as a smart, kind and caring young woman who loved to make others laugh. Savanna will be remembered as an active member of her community. Savanna moved to Ottawa from Sanirajak, a small Inuit community, to pursue her dreams to become a nurse at Algonquin College. She will be missed deeply by her family, friends and community. Savanna's roommate, a 33 year old man, has been charged with first-degree murder in her death. The suspected perpetrator had a history of violence towards women and was on probation at the time of the killing. He had been convicted of threatening to kill an OPP officer and his family, assaulting his former girlfriend, breaking and entering, uttering threats, and failing to comply with a restraining order to stay away from his previous partner. He had recently received an early release from custody, citing concerns for inmate safety related to Covid-19.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Asphyxiation



37. Anne-Marie Ready, 50

June 27, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Anne-Marie has been described as a kind hearted and selfless mother, friend and colleague. She will be remembered as a team-player and an inspirational leader in her family and community. Anne-Marie shared a love for karate with her daughter Jasmine, and the two had recently received their black belts. Anne-Marie was a dedicated mother and also worked to obtain her PhD in international business. At the time of her death, Anne-Marie was employed by Global Affairs Canada and had previously worked internationally with the Canadian Embassy. Anne-Marie will be dearly missed by her husband, family members, friends and colleagues. A male neighbour, who had a history of violence towards women, including towards her daughter Jasmine, killed Anne-Marie and Jasmine, before being killed by police. Anne-Marie's 19 year old daughter, Catherine, was also injured but survived the attack.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Trauma



38. Jasmine Ready, 15

June 27, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Jasmine will forever be remembered for her kind smile and her compassion and love for all in the world. Jasmine was a loving sister, daughter and friend to many. She had recently graduated from the tenth grade and had spent the last three years working towards obtaining her black belt. Jasmine will be missed greatly by her father, sister and many other family members and friends. Jasmine was killed, along with her mother, by a male neighbour who had a history of violence toward Jasmine and other girls. The perpetrator was killed during the attack by police. Jasmine's sister, Catherine, was also injured in the femicide but survived.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Trauma



39. Sharon Richards, 61

January 5, 2022, Newmarket, ON

Sharon has been described by her neighbours as friendly and a mother of two who was the matriarch of her home. Sharon will be missed greatly by her family, friends and her community. Sharon's 25 year old son was charged with 2nd degree murder and arson in relation to his mother's death. Media reports have indicated that Sharon's son has a history of violence and had previous charges for uttering threats and assaulting one of his siblings with a knife.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



40. Taffash Riley, 14

February 1, 2022, Mississauga, ON

Taffash was a grade nine student at the time of her death who had a deep love for cooking. She will be remembered as a gentle spirit and a beautiful bright soul that was taken too soon. Taffash will be missed dearly by her parents, brother, her friends and her extended family and community back in Jamaica. A 19 year old man has been charged with manslaughter in relation to this femicide.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Shooting



41. Angelica Sig-Od, 20

August 26, 2022, Toronto, ON

Angelica will be remembered as a kind and loving daughter, niece and friend to many. Angelica has been described as a warm and kind young woman, who shared her love and talents for music with the world. Angelica had been studying in her final term of the Flight Services, Operations & Cabin Management program at Seneca College and hoped to become a flight attendant to travel the world and experience new cultures. She will be deeply missed by her family, classmates and community in Toronto and back home in the Philippines. Angelica's father has been charged with two counts of 2nd degree murder in the deaths of Angelica and her mother Elvie.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Trauma



42. Elvie Sig-Od, 44

August 26, 2022, Toronto, ON

Elvie will be remembered as a devoted mother and member of her local church community. Elvie has been described as a kind and gentle woman and was working as a support care worker at the time of her death. Elvie will be deeply missed by her local church community and many friends and family members in Toronto and in the Philippines. Elvie's 46 year old husband has been charged with two counts of 2nd degree murder in relation to her and her daughter's deaths.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



43. Cynthia Sitzes, 44

July 4, 2022, Chatham, ON

Cynthia has been described as a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend to many, and as a beautiful soul who was taken too soon. Cynthia will be missed dearly by her son, many family members and friends. A 42 year old man has been charged in relation to Cynthia's death. Due to a publication ban, police have not provided any details regarding the nature of their relationship but court records have indicated that the perpetrator is prohibited from having contact with four individuals in relation to this case.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Unknown



44. Beverly Stevenson, 69

March 30, 2022, Brussels, ON

Beverly has been described as a caring and loving mother and grandmother, who loved adventure. Beverly loved to swim and snowmobile and travel and had a love for books and music. She will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, many friends, family members and her community. Beverly partner's grandson has been charged with two counts of 2nd degree murder in relation to Beverly's and her partner's deaths.

Femicide Type: Family

Cause of Death: Unknown



45. Danielle Strauss, 38

November 10, 2022, Hamilton, ON

Danielle will be forever remembered by her daughter, other family members and many friends. Danielle enjoyed spending time with her neighbours on outings or playing bingo and loved to laugh. She will be forever missed by her loved ones, friends and community members. No charges have been laid in relation to her death, however, police have indicated that they are looking to speak with four teenagers, two male youth and two female youth in relation to this case. Neighbours have reported that in the months before her death, two male teenagers had moved in with Danielle.

Femicide Type: Known

Cause of Death: Unknown



46. Vanessa Virgioni, 29

June 17, 2022, Brampton, ON

Vanessa will be remembered as a caring and devoted mother, daughter and friend who showed love to everyone around her. Her loved ones have described her as a kind soul, who had a smile that could light up the entire room and who was a beacon for equality, human rights and freedom. Vanessa will be forever missed by her young son, family, friends and community. Vanessa's ex-boyfriend has been charged with first degree murder in her death. Media reports have indicated that her ex-boyfriend had a previous history of violence towards her and had previously pleaded guilty to break and enter, assault and threatening death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



47. Henrietta Viski, 37

June 18, 2022, Toronto, ON

Henrietta has been described as a young soul, who loved spending time with her family whether through celebrating birthdays or dressing up and having photoshoots with her daughter. She will be remembered for her spirit and ability to get along with people of all ages. Henrietta and her family moved to Canada as refugees from Hungary, three years ago. Henrietta will be deeply missed by her children, loved ones and community. Henrietta's ex-husband has been charged with 1st degree murder in her death. According to media reports, Henrietta's ex-husband had a previous history of violence towards her and had been charged with several counts of assault, uttering death threats and failure to comply with conditions not to go near Henrietta. He had also been charged with assault on another woman.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Other



48. Yu Kun Xie, 78

September 17, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Yu Kun Xie will be forever remembered and missed dearly by her loved ones, friends and community members. Yu Kun Xie was found injured inside of a residence and later died of her injuries. A 57 year old man has been charged with manslaughter in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Trauma



49. Jordana Yakabuskie, 29

February 19, 2022, Renfrew, ON

Jordana has been described as a dedicated, caring and hardworking woman. She will be remembered for her smile, friendliness and her welcoming personality. Jordana will be dearly missed by her parents, grandparents, siblings and many other family members and friends. Jordana's male intimate partner has been charged with manslaughter and dangerous operation of a vehicle causing death in relation to her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Vehicular



50. Sahur Yare, 20

February 21, 2022, Ottawa, ON

Sahur will forever be remembered and missed by her family, friends and community members. A 16 year old male youth has been charged with 1st degree murder in relation to Sahur's death. Police have not indicated whether or not there was a relationship between Sahur and the suspected perpetrator, however, details suggest this was a targeted killing.

Femicide Type: Unknown

Cause of Death: Shooting



51. Xiao Jin (Jean) Yi, 49

March 11, 2022, London, ON

Jean has been described by neighbours as a loving mother who had a kind and warm personality. Jean could often be seen with a smile on her face, walking her daughter to school or tending to her garden. She will be deeply missed by her children, loved ones, friends and community. Jean's 52 year old husband has been charged with 2nd degree murder in her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Unknown



52. Katherine Zollerano, 43

November 2, 2022, Toronto, ON

Katherine will be forever remembered and missed by many family members, friends and other loved ones. Katherine was assaulted by her 48 year old husband and later succumbed to her injuries. Katherine's husband was originally charged with several offences, including attempted murder but these charges have been upgraded to 1st degree murder since her death.

Femicide Type: Intimate Partner

Cause of Death: Trauma



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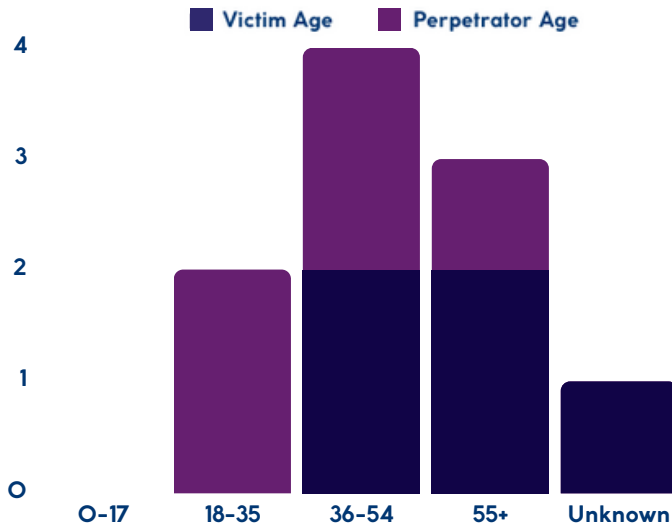
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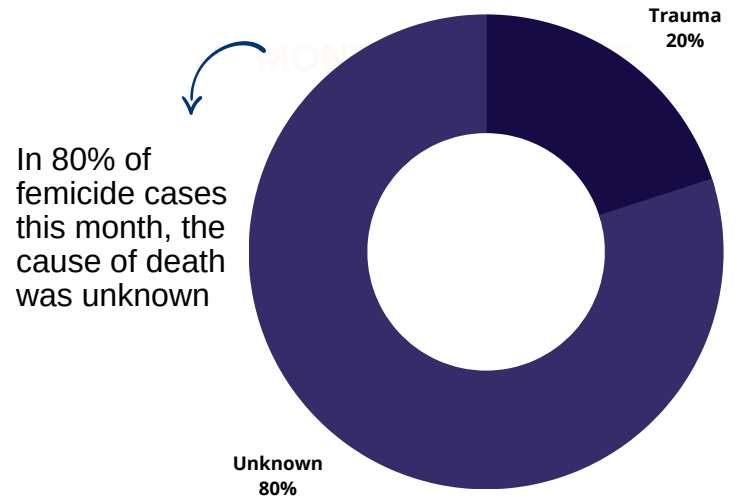
- In January, a total of **5 femicides** have been reported in Ontario
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OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					Femicide Type
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
3	3	2	4	2	14

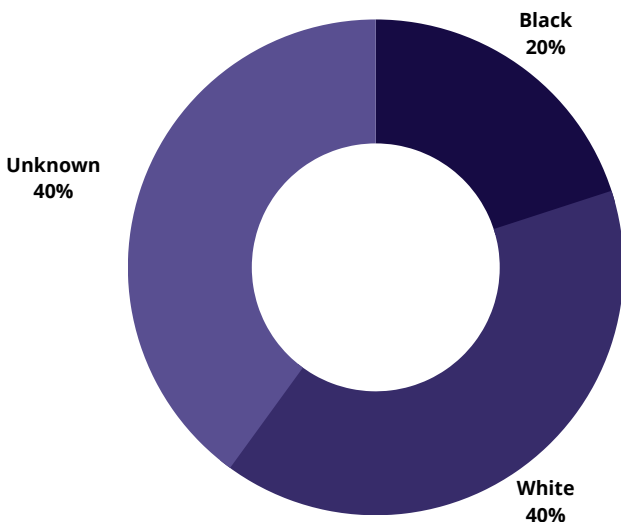
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparison



Cause of Death

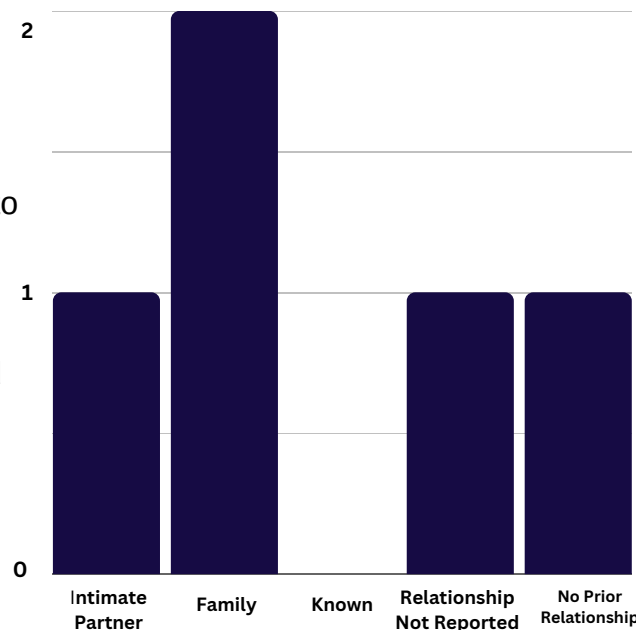


Victim Race



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The unknown femicide category has been revised to include two separate categories: **Relationship Not Reported** and **No Prior Relationship**





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 5



Toronto Region

Joy Barnwell - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellCTVNews>



Jane Doe (Toronto) - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoGlobeandMail>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoGlobalNews>



East Region

Lisa Sharpe - Eganville, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeNationalPost>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeCTVNews>



Central Region

Jane Doe (Burlington) - Burlington, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonInsideHalton>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonGlobalNews>



Ashley Schwalm - The Blue Mountains, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/AshleySchwalmCollingwoodToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/AshleySchwalmCBCNews>

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Total: 1



Jane Doe - Markham, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamYorkRegionNews>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamGlobalNews>



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As highlighted in the January Monthly Femicide Report, half of all confirmed femicides this month were perpetrated by a family member, more specifically by the victim's adult son. While femicides in Ontario are most commonly perpetrated by intimate partners OAITH has continued to monitor increasing rates of family perpetrated femicides, which have been most commonly perpetrated by the victim's son. In order to ensure all types of femicide are addressed within violence intervention and prevention initiatives it will be imperative that these initiatives consider the multiple sources of gender-based violence (GBV), including not only current and former intimate partners but also family members such as a father, brother, son or nephew, as well as other known relationships such as a landlord or co-worker. For example, many existing GBV risk assessments and screening tools currently focus on intimate partner violence but ensuring all types or sources of violence are evaluated within risk assessments could ensure that an individual's risk level is not unintentionally mitigated. Furthermore, it will be important to ensure that a wide range of services and systems, such as the healthcare and mental health, child welfare and criminal justice systems, have the capacity to assess the risk of all types of violence and lethality. This will ensure that survivors who may be experiencing violence not perpetrated by an intimate partner, and who may not already be connected with traditional GBV services, can be connected with local services and supports that can collaboratively work to mitigate risk and increase safety.

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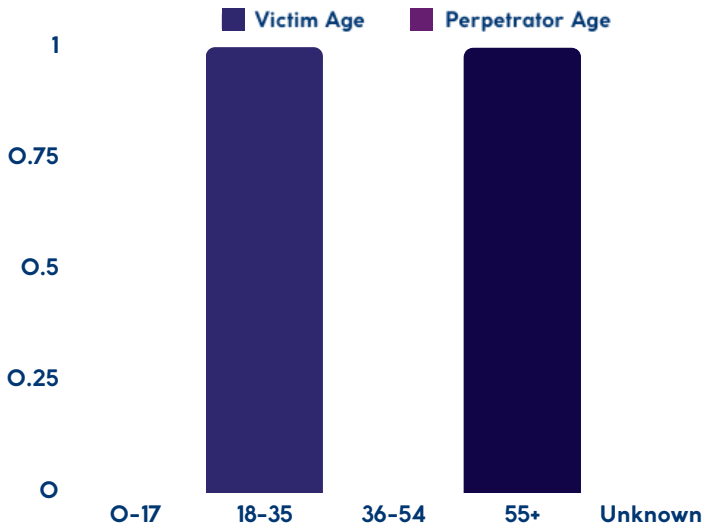
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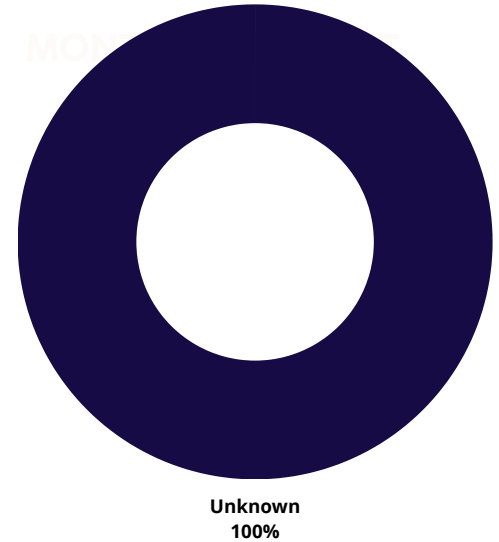
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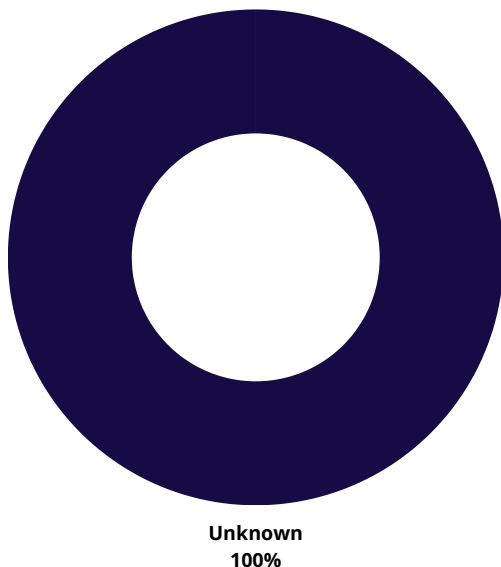
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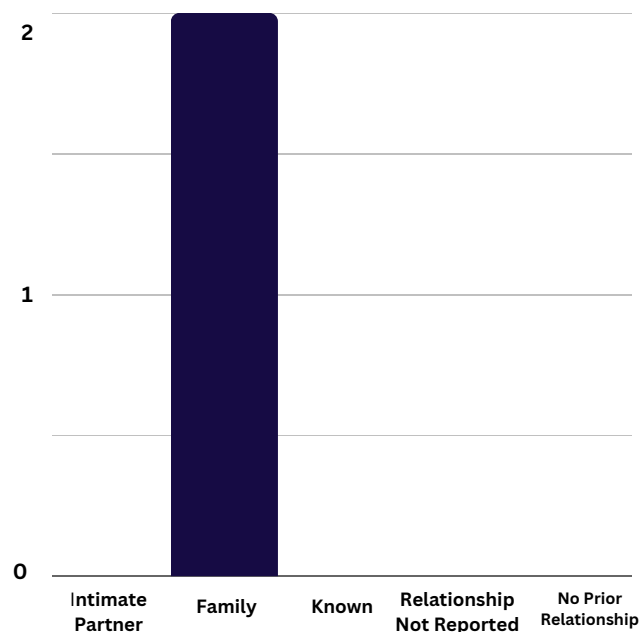
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Victim Race



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Confirmed Total: 1



West Region

Marlene Wilson - Waterford, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/MarleneWilsonTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/MarleneWilsonBrantfordExpositor>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/MarleneWilsonCTVNews>

Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 1



West Region

Karen Cunningham - Woodstock, ON

National Media: *No report available at time of publication*

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/KarenCunninghamLondonFreePress>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/KarenCunninghamGlobalNews>

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On February 9th, 2023, the Chief Coroner for Ontario announced that an inquest will be held into the death of Keira Kagan. The announcement comes as the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee found that Keira was likely to have been killed by her father as a form of intimate partner violence perpetrated against Keira's mother and ultimately Keira (CBC News, 2023). Currently, Bill C-233 is in the final stages of debate within the Senate and if passed would include amendments to the Judges Act that would mandate training and continuing education on intimate partner violence and coercive control for judges (Merali, 2022). This will be a welcome change that has the potential to enhance safety outcomes for survivors by addressing stereotypes or preconceived notions among judges regarding intimate-partner violence and coercive control. Multiple systems could benefit from enhanced training on IPV and coercive control, as well as risk-assessment and safety planning, including lawyers, medical/healthcare professionals, child welfare systems and educational systems. Ongoing training could not only enhance capacity but may also facilitate enhanced system collaboration and communication regarding risk and risk management, and ultimately prevent future femicides from occurring.

A number of prior femicide inquests have occurred in Ontario, with the most recent inquest taking place in June 2022. OAITH has created the following tool to track and monitor ongoing and repeat inquest recommendations: [Inquest Recommendation Comparison Chart](#)

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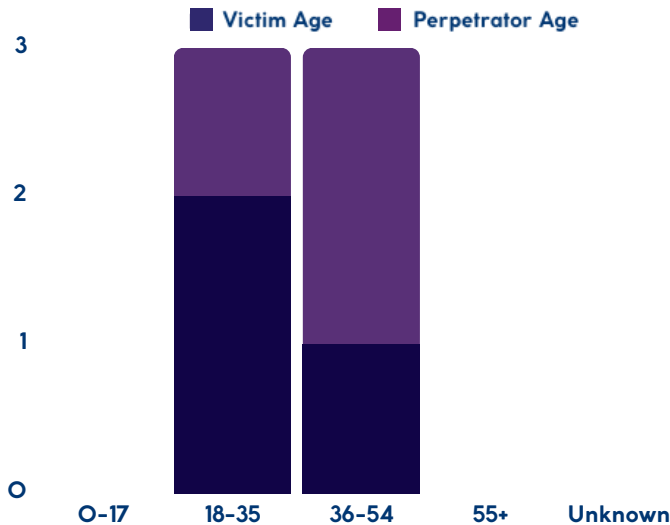
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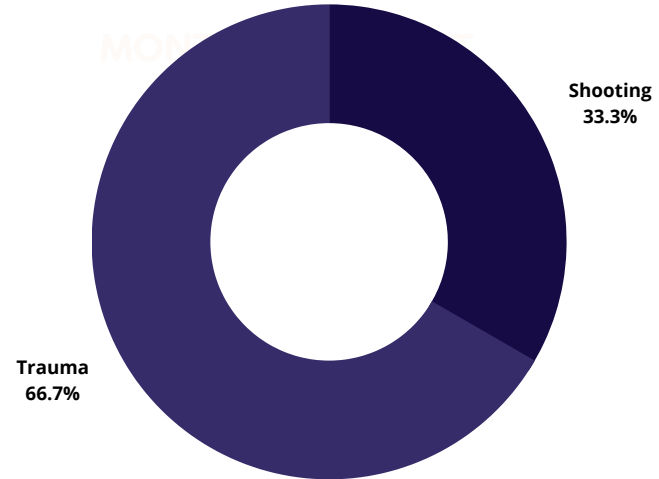
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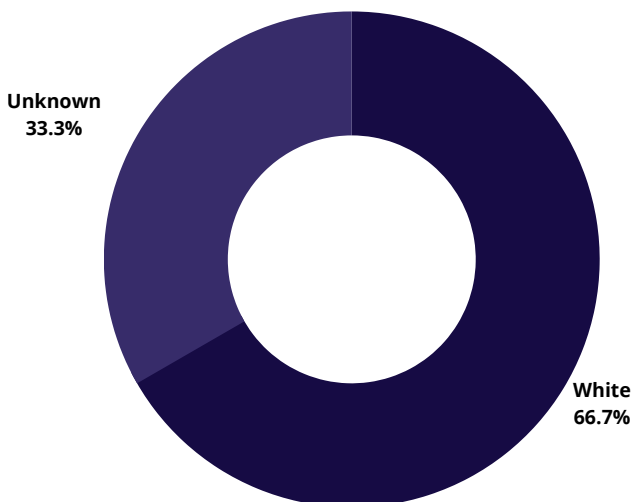
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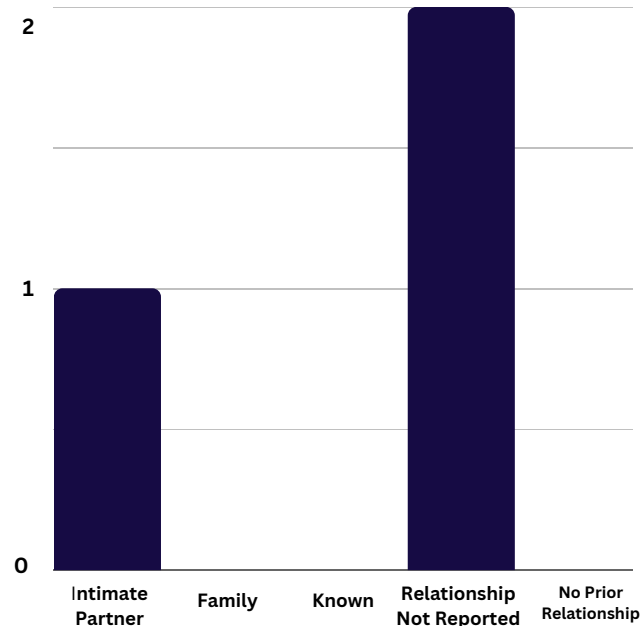
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Toronto Region

Saima Khalid - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/SaimaKhalidTorontoStar>

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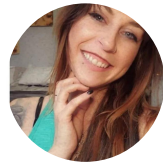
Central Region

Cassie Antle - Caledon, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/CassieAntleTorStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/CassieAntleCaledonCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/CassieAntleGlobalNews>



East Region

Katie Kainz - Oshawa, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/KatieKainzDurhamRegionNews>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/KatieKainzGlobalNews>

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Throughout the month of March, 66.7% of cases, police press releases and subsequent media reports did not provide information regarding the relationship between the victim and perpetrator. The lack of disclosure regarding the relationship may be due to pending police investigations, ongoing court proceedings and it may also be at the request of the victim's family. Based on media reports, there may be statements that suggest there was some type of existing relationship such as statements indicating there is no risk to the public and that the killing was a targeted or an isolated attack. The lack of disclosure regarding the type of relationship that existed between the victim and named perpetrator can have a number of impacts on both data collection, as well as on public awareness and understanding of the prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV). Within OAITH's 2021-2022 femicide data, in 21.2% of cases details regarding the relationship between victims and perpetrators were not provided within media reports. The lack of relationship data may ultimately impact femicide research and as a result rates of violence may be underestimated, such as rates of intimate-partner femicides or family member perpetrated femicides ultimately impacting public awareness and understandings of GBV. OAITH's [Femicide Reporting Recommendations](#) suggests the use of non-traditional sources of information to inform media reports, could include GBV experts and also family and friends of the victim who may be able to provide further context to the victim's experiences of violence. This recommendation could also be helpful in addressing the current gap related to the lack of police disclosure regarding the potential relationship between the victim and perpetrator.

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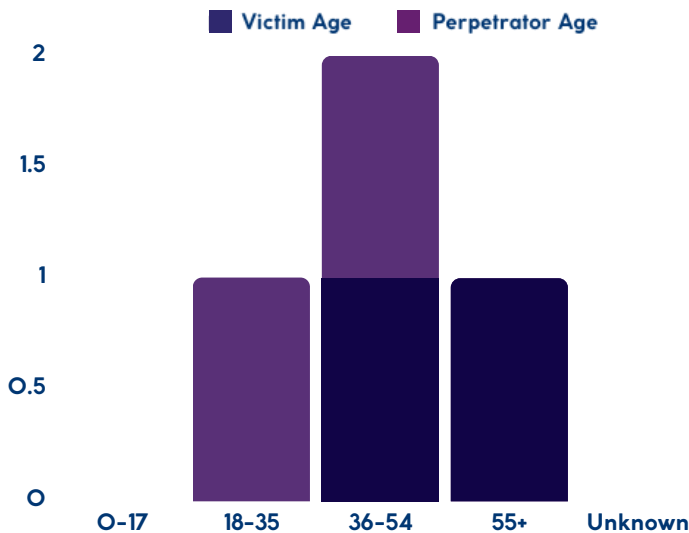
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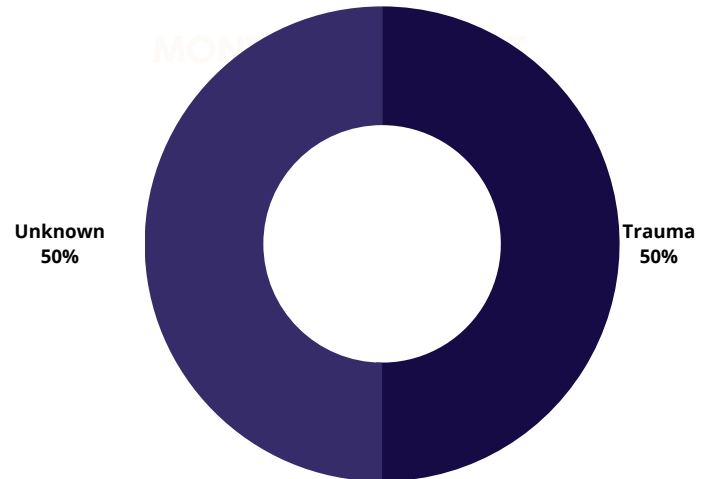
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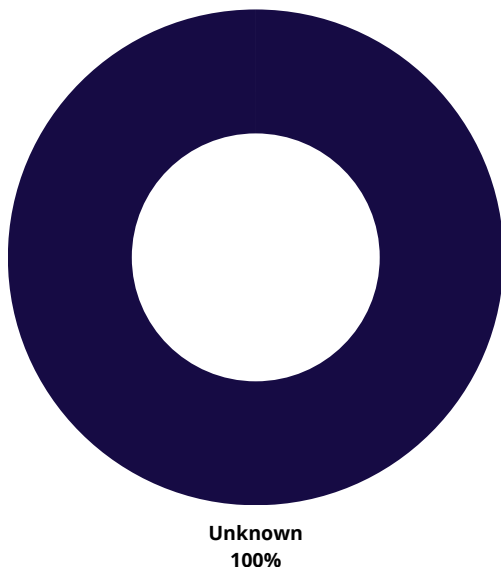
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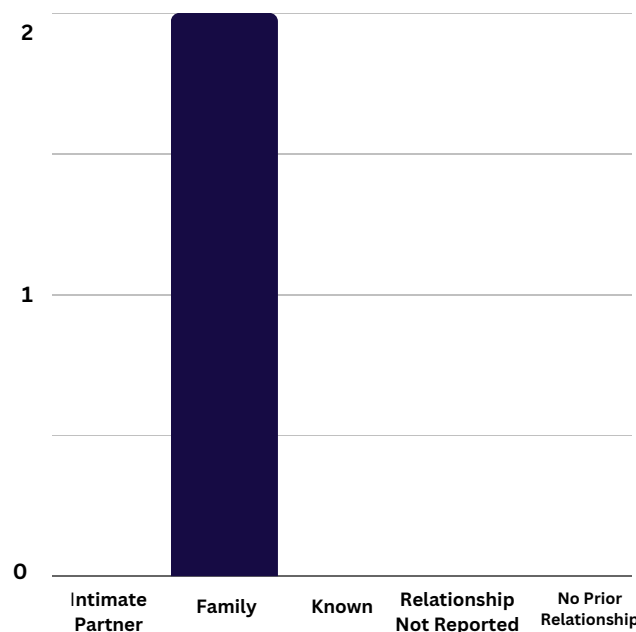
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Confirmed Total: 2



West Region

Carolyn Carter - London, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/CarolynCarterLFPRESS>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/CarolynCarterGlobalNews>

East Region



Sherri Buchanan - Chute-à-Blondeau, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/SherriBuchananTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/SherriBuchananOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/SherriBuchananCBCNews>

Newly Confirmed Femicide Victims from Previous Months

Total: 1



Toronto Region

Melinda Boon - Toronto, ON

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**Femicides in Ontario
April 2023**

WE COUNT

FEMICIDE

BECAUSE...

APRIL 1ST - APRIL 30TH, 2023

#WeCountFemicideBecause

MONTHLY
FEMICIDE IN
ONTARIO
FACTSHEET



**Ontario Femicides
(since Nov. 26 2022)**

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



Throughout April, two confirmed femicides have been reported in Ontario. Additionally, one newly confirmed femicide from March was also identified through media reports. According to media reports, both of the femicides in April were perpetrated by the victims' adult sons. High rates of family perpetrated femicides continue to be reported over the last few years, accounting for 21% of femicides last year and 25.8% of cases the previous year. Since November 26, 2022 there have been 6 femicides that were perpetrated by a family member, most commonly the victim's adult son, although a grandson and father have also been identified as the suspects within two femicide cases. While details regarding these femicide cases continue to emerge, in at least two of the six family perpetrated femicide cases there was a documented history of violence by the son towards his mother, as well as towards other community members. While programs such as the Partner Assault Response (PAR) program currently exist to address violence within intimate partner relationships, these programs do not encompass other forms of gendered violence, including violence perpetrated by family members. This trend continues to reinforce the need for increased access to services for young men, within femicide prevention initiatives, that work to address and change harmful and violent attitudes and behaviours within familial relationship as well as intimate partner relationships.

ASSAULTED WOMEN'S HELPLINE



1-888-388-2915 (24/7 crisis line)



**awhl.org/online-chat (Live Chat
11am-8pm Mon-Fri EST)**

TALK4HEALING



1-855-554-4325 (24/7 crisis line)

FEM'AIDE



1 877 336-2433 (24/7 crisis line)



Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses



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Suggested Citation:

Ontario Association of Interval and
Transition Houses (OATH), 2023.
April Monthly Femicide in Ontario
Factsheet.

Delegation Speech – Declaring IPV an epidemic in Woodstock

Date: June 1st

Time: 1:30pm

Speakers: Joanna Piatkowski, Jen Weicker, Amy Maddess

Total speech: 5 min

Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam of Renfrew County were murdered by their former partner in 2015, and an inquest into these deaths was held in June 2022. Of the 86 recommendations for change issued by the jury as a result of this inquest, the first is that the Ontario government declare intimate partner violence an epidemic (Luke's Place, 2022).

This idea is directly replicated in the recommendations issued following the Nova Scotia mass shooting inquiry, which calls for a public health approach to be taken to violence against women and “stable core funding” for groups that help women survivors (Press, 2023).

Intimate partner violence (IPV) refers to any behaviour within an intimate relationship that causes physical, psychological, or sexual harm (CDC, 2022). The term "intimate partner" includes current and former spouses, dating partners, and sexual partners. IPV does not appear in every relationship in the same way. Physical assault, sexual violence, criminal harassment, threats of physical or sexual violence, reproductive coercion, spiritual abuse, cyber violence, emotional abuse, financial abuse, or psychological abuse are all examples of how coercive control can be perpetuated (Government of Canada, 2022). IPV can range from a single incident of violence that has long-term consequences to chronic and severe episodes that are endured for years. In many circumstances (CDC, 2022). IPV leads to femicide, which can be defined as the death of women and girls on the basis of their gender (Sutton, 2023).

It is estimated that one woman in Canada is murdered by her intimate partner every six days (Armstrong & Jaffray, 2023).

Intimate partner violence occurs in all settings and among all socioeconomic, religious and cultural groups. The overwhelming global burden of IPV is held by women. According to one study of IPV convictions in Ontario, 92% of offenders were men (Government of Canada, 2022). Data also reveal that women are more likely than men to be subjected to IPV with increased severity (such as being strangled, assaulted or threatened with a weapon, or sexually assaulted) (Sutton, 2023).

The Department of Justice Canada estimates that 7.4 billion dollars is spent on the aftermath of intimate partner violence each year (Sutton, 2023). This includes immediate costs (such as emergency room visits, involvement of police and the criminal justice

system) and related costs (such as loss of income, funeral expenses) and intangible costs (such as pain and suffering).

The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) releases regular reports on femicides in Ontario. The most recently released report, spanning November 2021 to November 2022 showed 52 women and girls murdered in Ontario during that period (OAITH, 2023). The images portrayed behind me are of the 13 Ontario women that have been murdered by a current or former intimate partner in the first quarter of 2023. Please note that data from May has not yet been released.

A snapshot of Woodstock specific statistics has been included for your review in the material package we've provided.

The city of Woodstock remembers:

Lois Alexander

Shelley Cowell

Sandra Schott

Karen Cunningham

2022 marked the eighth consecutive year of increase in police reported IPV in Canada (Government of Canada, 2022). This epidemic requires immediate responses from all levels of government. The consequences of IPV are long lasting and far reaching. These women are our friends, sisters, children, parents, colleagues, employees and employers. In spite of continuing progress in public education, there is still a stigma attached to being a victim of IPV, and many choose not to report because they believe their experiences of violence are a private matter, and that they may not be believed.

To date, 14 municipalities across Ontario have declared intimate partner violence an epidemic. A full list of these municipalities has been included in the materials we've provided.

Today, we ask that on behalf of the City of Woodstock that all voting city councillors and your worship, Mayor Jerry Acchione, approve the motion to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic. In doing so, the City of Woodstock will have the opportunity to demonstrate that we represent a community that is committed to ending violence in intimate relationships. This declaration will send a strong message to victims of IPV that they need not suffer violence in private; that they are part of a community that will stand with them, support them, and believes in their right to safety. This declaration will make it clear to our residents and the province that the City of Woodstock will not tolerate this violence in our community. **Thank you. We welcome any questions you may have.**

Link to Renfrew County Inquest Recommendations:

<https://lukesplace.ca/86-recommendations-for-change-from-the-renfrew-county-inquest/>

Link to Nova Scotia Mass Shooting Inquiry Recommendations:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2023/03/30/key-recommendations-of-nova-scotia-mass-shooting-inquiry.html>

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY LANARK COUNTY RE: MOTIONS TO DECLARE IPV AN EPIDEMIC (SINCE LANARK'S DECLARATION IN DECEMBER 2022):

1. Lanark County – December 14, 2022
The motion (scroll to item B.5):
<https://lanarkcounty.civicweb.net/FileStorage/066A9DC0A6234BCD8404D80F8E26F2A4-Community%20Services%20-%202007%20Dec%202022%20-%20Eleventh.docx>
2. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Municipality of Mattice - Val Côté
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
3. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Township of Armour
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
4. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Town of Rainy River
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
5. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Conmee Township
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
6. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Town of Laurentian Hills
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
7. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Township of Enniskillen
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)
8. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Town of Perth
9. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Town of Hawkesbury
[Town of Hawkesbury Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare IPV an Epidemic](#)
10. Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic
Municipality of Mississippi Mills
[Support of Lanark County Motion to Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic](#)

OTHERS COMPLETED (NO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED YET):

11. City of Ottawa (see item 17 in link):

<https://pub-ottawa.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=3e4734f4-7124-40ce-a68c-c8a8425e5b00&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=56&Tab=attachments>

12. Renfrew County:

<https://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/en/news/renfrew-county-declares-intimate-partner-violence-an-epidemic.aspx#:~:text=The%20County%20of%20Renfrew%20has,Anastasia%20Kuzyk%20and%20Nathalie%20Warrmerdam.>

13. Durham Region

14. Town of Carleton Place

UNDERWAY (AS INDICATED AT VAWCC):

Oxford County

Thunder Bay and Region

Toronto

13 WOMEN HAVE BEEN MURDERED IN ONTARIO IN 2023

<https://www.oaith.ca/oaith-work/we-count-femicide-because/monthly-femicide-snapshots.html>

JOY BARNWELL, 70

FOUNDING MEMBER OF
IMMIGRANT WOMEN IN
BUSINESS



"Joy is true joy. Her presence would lighten the room"

JANE DOE, 89

Police said the woman was walking alone when she was pushed to the ground, seriously injuring her face and head.

Emergency services responded and immediately rendered life-saving procedures.

The female was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of the injury sustained.



LISA SHARPE, 48



Lisa Sharpe worked 25 years at Ketcha Star Daycare in Eganville, guiding a generation worth of the town's children

JANE DOE



"At the request of the victim's family, police will not be releasing the name of the deceased female."

ASHLEY SCHWALM, 40

A friend describes
Ashley (maiden name
Milnes) as having an
effervescent
personality in addition
to being kind and
helpful



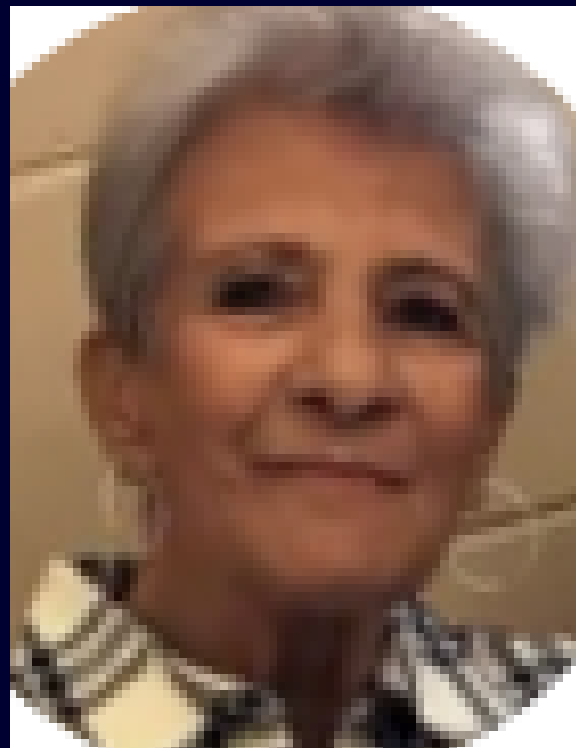
JANE DOE





MARLENE WILSON, 90

Wilson, described in her obituary as 'full of life' has been survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren



KAREN CUNNINGHAM,

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"KAREN HAD A BIGGER-THAN-LIFE PERSONALITY, UNMATCHED ENERGY, AND A HEART LARGER THAN THIS UNIVERSE. SHE HAD A WAY TO MAKE ANYONE AROUND HER FEEL LIKE FAMILY AND COULD MAKE ANY SITUATION A HUMOUROUS ONE. OUR LIVES ALREADY FEEL SO EMPTY."

SAIMA KHALID, 50



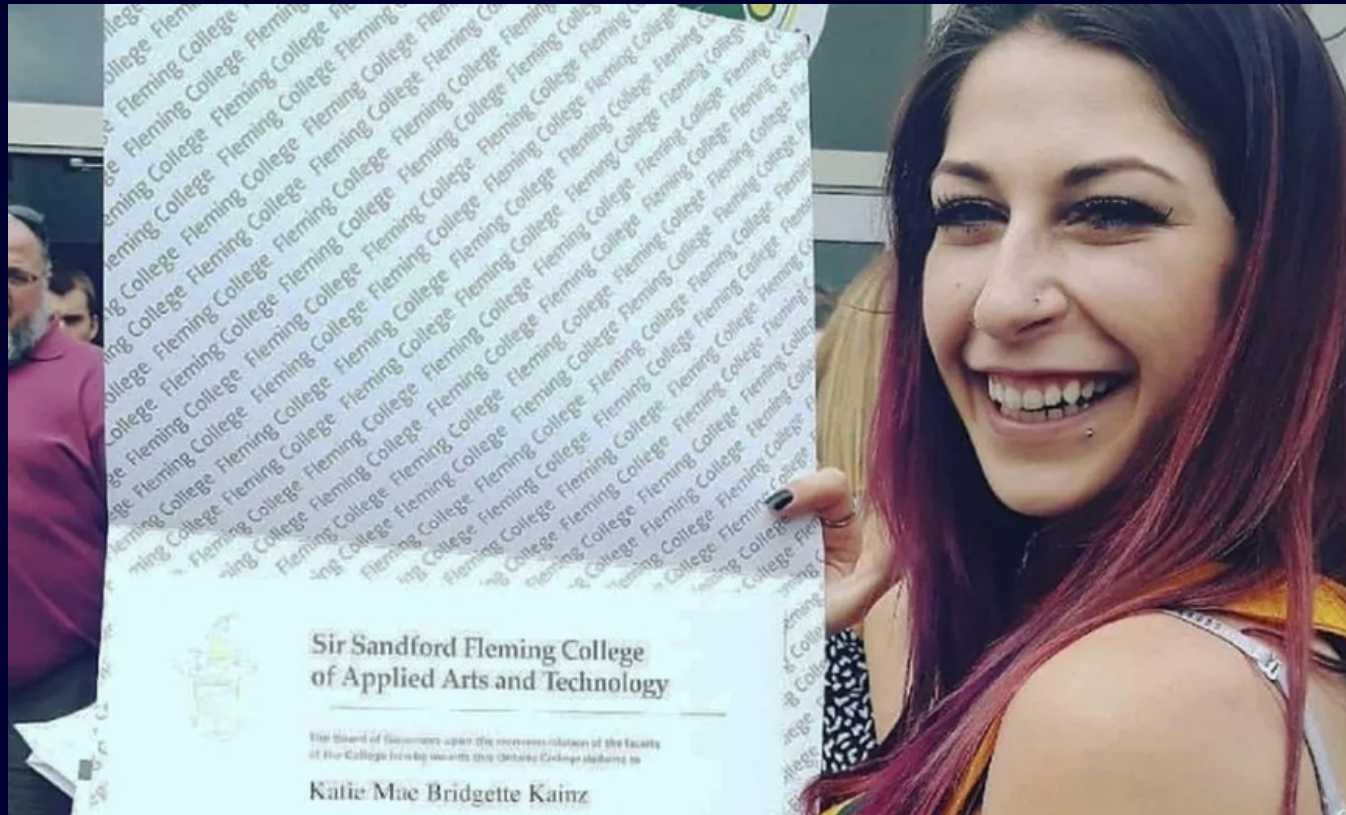
CASSIE ANTLE, 29



"She made us laugh and she cared for others and she will always have a place in my heart."

KATIE KAINZ, 26

"She was a loving girl,
very artistic and caring.
She volunteered at
soup kitchens, she let
people sleep on her
couch. She did the
wildest things to help
people and never
thought about herself."

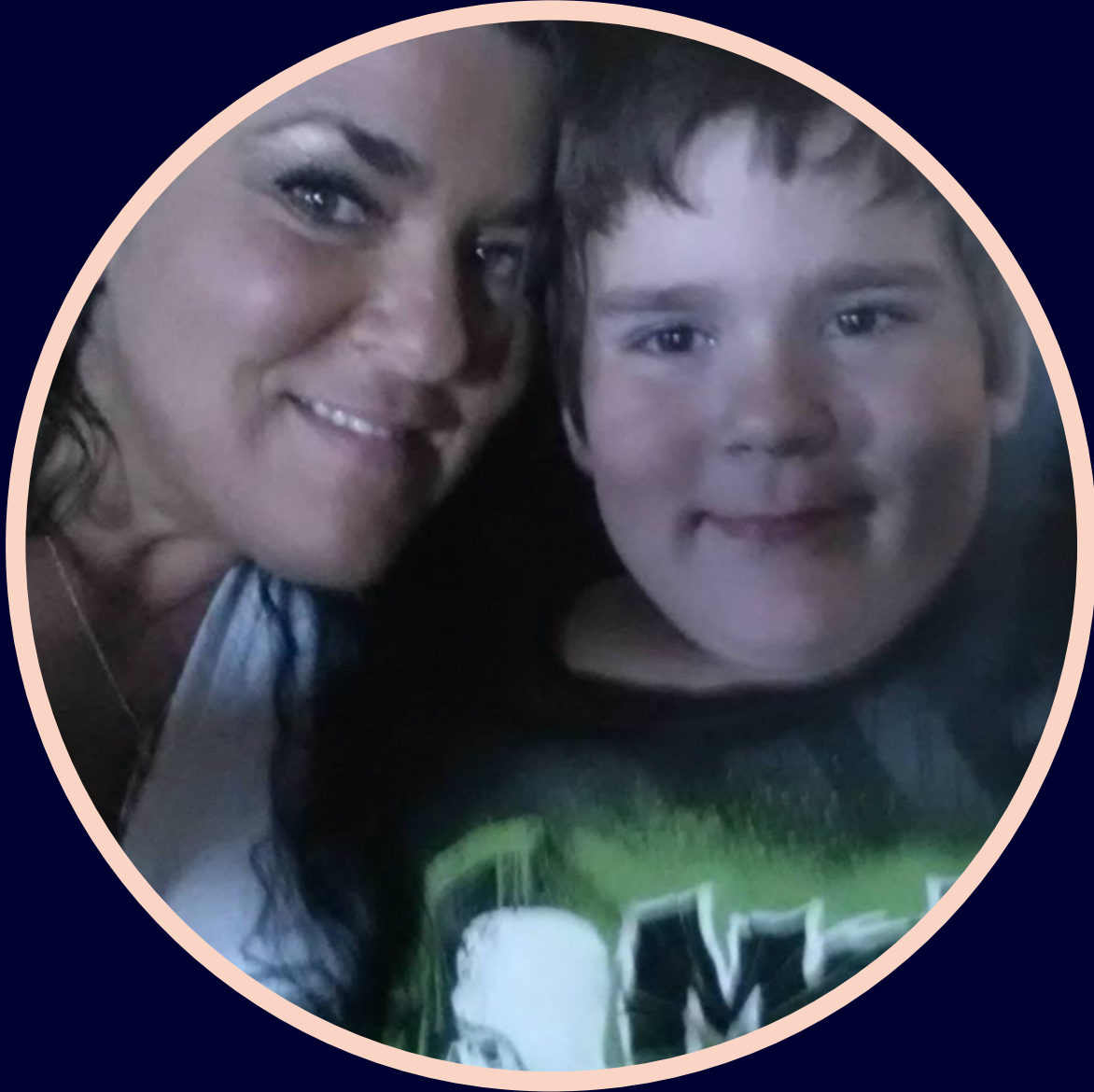


CAROLYN CARTER, 69



**"She accomplished an enormous amount in her life
under conditions of adversity."**

SHERRI BUCHANAN, 50



"She was an awesome lady"

MELINDA "MINDY" BOON, 64



WOODSTOCK REMEMBERS



Lois Alexander, 59



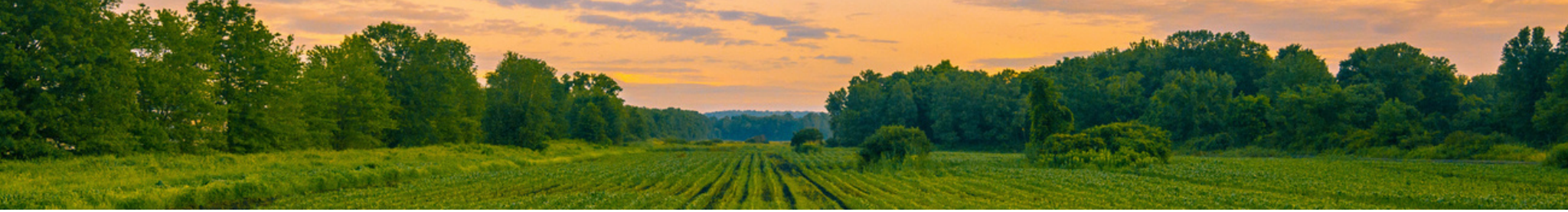
Shelley Cowell, 38



Sandra Schott



Karen Cunningham, 30



DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES OXFORD(DASO)

Number of crisis calls per year.

